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UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

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Contact: Postal Inspector Renee Focht, 626-405-1285 or 626-672-5517

\$10,000 Reward Offered in Mailbox Theft **U.S. Postal Inspectors seek help to identify suspects**

The United States Postal Inspection Service is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of those responsible for the theft of a blue collection box. The collection box at 1902 Buckingham Street, Los Angeles, CA 90016 was stolen between 1:15 p.m. Saturday, July 17, and 12:20 p.m. Monday, July 19, 2010.

Postal Inspectors encourage customers who deposited mail during those hours to submit a Mail Theft and Vandalism Complaint either at their local Post Office, online at postalinspectors.uspis.gov or by calling 1-877-876-2455, option 3.

The Postal Inspection Service is also asking the public to contact Postal Inspectors:

- If you witnessed this crime or have information about it.
- If you spot any suspicious person or activity near collection boxes or Post Offices.
- If you witness a crime in progress.

If you witnessed this crime, call Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455, select option 2, and refer to Case No. 1801053. Postal Inspectors warn customers *not* to approach suspicious individuals. Instead, try to note their physical appearance and any related vehicle. Postal Inspectors are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Callers may remain anonymous.

Mail theft is a federal crime, and offenders may be imprisoned up to five years, be fined, or both. Postal Inspectors suggest depositing mail prior to last collection time posted on the collection box.

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About the U.S. Postal Inspection Service

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is one of the oldest federal law enforcement agencies in the country. For more than 200 years, Postal Inspectors have protected the U.S. Postal Service, secured the nation's mail system, and ensured public trust in the mail. To learn more, visit postalinspectors.uspis.gov.